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Dear Residents,

I remain incredibly grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as your Alderman on the Milwaukee Common Council. It feels like my April 17 inauguration was still just yesterday. The months since have already provided me countless opportunities to learn and grow as an elected official, as I find new ways to better serve you in my role as representative and administrator for the 12th Aldermanic District.

This is certainly an exciting time to live on Milwaukee's near south side! In this, my inaugural district newsletter, you'll read about some of the big things we have to look forward to in the coming year, and some of the changes that are already taking place. Those include the transformation of the Reed Street Yards in Walker's Point, where an investment by the city is spurring ambitious new business growth in water technology companies and research. The Milwaukee Water Council and the UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences are among the groups taking an enormous interest in the projects.

As other parts of the near south side experience new growth and development, parking in some areas has become increasingly difficult to find. The onset of winter only makes things trickier, but I'm pleased to say we have found ways to address these concerns, both in the short- and long-term. Those are detailed within this newsletter, and I've also included a helpful reminder of the rules and regulations that affect parking during the winter months.

Finally, I want to stress above all else that I am here to represent your interests in the city. If there is ever anything you need addressed or questions you would like answered, please feel free to call me directly at 286-3762.

I hope your holidays were full of warmth and cheer, and I wish you a happy new year as we head into 2013.

Sincerely,

José G Pérez
Alderman, 12th District



Visit to Allen-Field Elementary School



After receiving some heartfelt letters from third graders at Allen-Field Elementary School (730 W. Lapham Blvd.), Alderman Pérez decided to make a special visit in June 2012 to the school to talk to the students. The letters contained anxious descriptions of problems in the neighborhood such as litter, graffiti, fighting in the streets, shootings, and a general concern about safety in the neighborhood. "The students' honest sharing of their concerns about safety caught my attention, and I decided that I would pay them a visit to discuss those concerns," Alderman Pérez said. The alderman was joined at the school by Milwaukee Police Officer Michael Kuykendall, who discussed safety in the neighborhood, block watches, and the role of police officers. Alderman Pérez and Officer Kuykendall also helped lead the kids in a small neighborhood clean up on school grounds (picking up litter and debris).

Committee Assignments

VICE-CHAIR Community and Economic Development Committee

MEMBER Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee

MEMBER Licenses Committee

BOARD MEMBER Milwaukee Area Technical College

MEMBER Walker's Point Association

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Parking Improvements, Solutions for the 12th District

With the onset of another Wisconsin winter and the parking regulations that accompany it, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for residents who park their cars in the Fifth Ward and Walker's Point. Responding to concerns about the growing scarcity of parking in these areas, Alderman Pérez said he has come up with a solution to help address the problem in the short term, and is making progress on longer-term fixes.

Starting March 1, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street throughout much of the Fifth Ward and Walker's Point during the non-winter months. To aid with street sweeping duties in the spring, summer and fall and snow plowing in the winter, much of the area was previously under year-round Alternate Side Parking rules. But in order to address concerns about parking scarcity, Alternate Side Parking rules will no longer be in effect from March 1 through December 1.

When in effect, Alternate Side Parking rules require residents to park vehicles on the side of the street with even house numbers on days that are even-numbered (prior to midnight); on odd-numbered calendar days (before midnight), vehicles must be parked on the side of the street with odd house numbers. Residents can call 286-8350 or visit www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations to learn the regulations that affect their block.

Doing away with Alternate Side Parking rules during non-winter months could reduce the effectiveness of street sweeping activities. Alderman Pérez said he hopes residents will be understanding of this, and be diligent in avoiding litter and keeping the area clean.

As for finding more permanent solutions to the sparse parking in Walker's Point and the Fifth Ward, Alderman Pérez is working to facilitate businesses and property owners in the vicinity working together with residents to offer off-street parking options. Pérez said city studies of the area have found privately-owned parking lots are actually underutilized in the overnight hours, and thinks cooperation between neighbors could be mutually beneficial.

Anyone interested in helping facilitate such cooperation or finding overnight parking to rent should contact Alderman Pérez at 286-3762.

Finally, as more developers invest in condominiums and apartments in the Fifth Ward and Walker's Point, Alderman Pérez would like to see them include greater accommodation for off-street parking in their designs. The city does require developers to maintain a ratio of residences to parking spaces, but Pérez said it can be to their benefit to exceed that ratio, and will push more development projects to do just that.

Walk With Alderman Pérez in Your Neighborhood



Alderman Pérez has been making a series of 12th District neighborhood walkthroughs to learn about residents' concerns and to see conditions firsthand. He is typically accompanied by police officers, inspectors/officials from the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works, as well as members of the Community Prosecution Unit, Southside Organizing Committee, Hope House, Safe and Sound, and Clarke Square.

Please join Alderman Pérez when he comes to your area. To find out when he will be in your neighborhood, or if you would like to request a walkthrough on your block, please call his office at 286-3762.

Analyze Crime in Your Neighborhood

Want an idea as to what kinds of crime are taking place in your neighborhood? The Police Department has been posting weekly Crime Analysis maps on the MPD website at www.milwaukee.gov/police for your review. Look under "Crime Statistics" on the site.

In addition, a summary report of crime and other useful searches is also available on the city web site COMPASS at www.milwaukee.gov/compass

FREE Landlord Training

For future training dates call 286-2954 or to learn more about the program and view a class schedule go to: www.milwaukee.gov/landlordtraining

Speed Humps Approved for S. 14th St.

After neighbors agreed that speeding needed to be curbed on S. 14th St. between W. Becher and W. Rogers Streets, a proposal to install speed humps on the block was brought forward by the Department of Public Works. With the support of Alderman Pérez, the proposal has been approved by the Common Council.

The installation of the speed humps is anticipated during the summer of 2013, and each of the property owners along the project will be assessed \$5.30 per frontage foot. The bills for this work will be sent out sometime in 2015.

Alderman Pérez said neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee are finding relief from speeding vehicles by having speed humps installed, and 12th District residents can do the same.

Under the program, residents can petition for a traffic calming device and if the city agrees it is necessary, they would be given

several choices. A speed hump would cost about \$7,000, while a mini-roundabout, or traffic circle, would cost about \$10,000. If affected homeowners agree, each owner would be assessed a portion of the cost and the city would pay the remainder.

If you and your neighbors are interested in looking into some type of traffic calming device, please call Robert Bryson at 286-3244.



Council Holds the Line with 2013 City Budget

Just as most Milwaukee families are closely watching finances, city government continues the balancing act of paying its bills while operating within a tightly confined budget. Once again, the Milwaukee Common Council has passed an amended city budget that holds the line on property taxes while maintaining crucial city services.

The 2013 tax levy approved by the Common Council in November was \$250.39 million, up 0.96 percent from 2012's \$248 million levy, and \$20,878 less than the Mayor's proposed 2013 budget levy. Following a few changes made by the Mayor's veto pen, the owner of an average Milwaukee home will see a \$46 decrease in the city portion of their tax bill, which with a modest \$17 increase in fees for solid waste and other services, provides \$29 in relief to homeowners.

"Early in the budget process, we identified minimizing the impact on property tax payers as a top priority," Alderman Pérez said. "Continued responsibility and austerity are key to maintaining the city's fiscal health in the years ahead and maintaining the level of service our residents deserve."

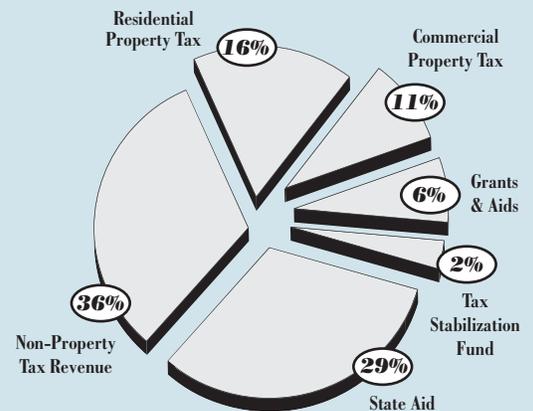
To further those ends, Alderman Pérez was among the Common Council members who approved changes to the Mayor's proposed budget that increase the amount of overtime funding available to the Milwaukee Police Department by \$350,000. Also, with the urban forestry division facing a backload of tree stumps in need of removal and replacement, the Common Council increased funding for those services by \$500,000.

As part of ongoing efforts to expand upon public safety in Milwaukee, Council members signed off on an amendment that finds funding for 13 additional Fire Cadet positions set to start in September 2013. Fire Cadets are uniformed civilian employees who work in an apprentice-style program designed to prepare them for a career as Milwaukee Firefighters.

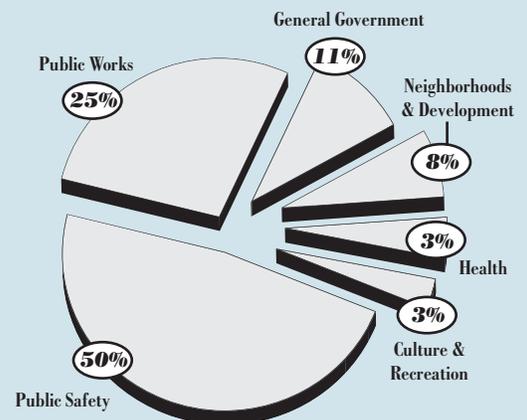
"Very simply, this budget offers Milwaukee residents a little more for their tax dollar without increasing the burden on hardworking families," Alderman Pérez said.

City of Milwaukee 2013 Budget Sources and Uses of Funds

Sources of City Revenue



City Services Provided by this Revenue



Alderman Pérez Sworn In to 12th District Seat

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., welcomed Alderman Pérez after he was sworn in as Milwaukee's 12th District Alderman on April 17, 2012.

"It is an honor to be chosen by the people of the near south side to do this job," Alderman Pérez said. "I take this seat with their interests and needs as my top priorities, and pledge to fight for new investments in our neighborhoods that grow businesses and jobs, safer streets, a more responsive police force and stronger schools to prepare our kids for the opportunities of the future."

Alderman Pérez now serves as vice chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, and also serves on the Licenses Committee and the Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee.



Alderman Pérez Working to Restore the Kosciuszko Monument

Alderman Pérez sponsored successful Common Council legislation that secures funding to help restore the Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument located in Kosciuszko Park.

The grand statue and monument faces to the south on Lincoln Ave. at S. 9th Pl., and has been a proud landmark for more than 100 years. "The Polish community raised more than \$13,000 to hire a talented sculptor to create the Kosciuszko Monument and they proudly presented the statue to the City of Milwaukee in 1905," said Alderman Pérez.

"But time and our weather have taken a toll on the monument, and it is in need of extensive repairs," he said.

The website for the Restore the Kosciuszko Monument Committee notes that the statue originally stood at the north end of Kosciuszko Park, near Becher St., but was moved to its present location in 1951. Over the years, countless parades, patriotic celebrations, political meetings, and other important events have been held in the shadow of the Kosciuszko Monument. Those who grew up in the neighborhood refer to the monument, with affection, as the "Kozy statue," and cherish many fond memories associated with it.



In October 2012 as part of "Energy Action Month," Alderman Pérez joined Wisconsin Knitwear employees, owner Steve Arenzon and Mayor Tom Barrett (far right) to highlight the successes of the Better Buildings Challenge and the Milwaukee Energy Efficiency program. Wisconsin Knitwear, located at 1111 W. Lincoln Ave. in the 12th Aldermanic District, received funding from the Milwaukee Energy Efficiency program to replace aging light fixtures with energy-saving LED lights. "Wisconsin Knitwear has been able to save energy and money by making the switch to energy efficient lighting," Alderman Pérez said.

Need Assistance or Have a Question?

Efficient delivery of the hundreds of services provided by city government is only a phone call or a computer click away – in the NEW, full-color "Call for Action" information directory. The popular directory is arranged alphabetically by specific problems and topics, and also includes helpful web addresses and additional information about community attractions.

Remember that in addition to contacting Alderman Pérez's office for help with your concerns, there is one number – **286-CITY (2489)** – that can put you in touch with the right department for any questions or concerns about city services.

To save postage and staff costs, please download or print your own copy of the new Call for Action booklet by going to Alderman Pérez's webpage at www.milwaukee.gov/district12. If you need to have a copy mailed to your home, please e-mail a request to dist12Aide@milwaukee.gov.



Bradley Tech's Milwaukee Observatory in Historic Walker's Point

Alderman Pérez took part in the September official ribbon cutting ceremony of the Milwaukee Observatory, a stunning, interactive public art installation by Bradley Tech High School students that documented and celebrated the history of the Walker's Point neighborhood. The exhibit was set up on the lawn of the school at 700 S. 4th St. Covering nearly a quarter acre, the towering installation revealed how artists, innovators and immigrants created a new neighborhood that helped secure Milwaukee's place as a significant urban center and an economic powerhouse. Students were on hand to record neighbors' stories, scan old photographs and documents, take pictures of residents and document artifacts specific to Walker's Point and Milwaukee. The exhibit was presented through a partnership with Discovery World, which guided students in an exploration of archaeology, design, digital media and visual art, and immersed them in Discovery World's Art & Archaeology of Me program.

Winter Parking

NO PARKING DECEMBER 1 TO MARCH 1

No overnight parking is allowed on through highways and mass transit (bus) routes from December 1 to March 1. These streets are not posted. For a list of these streets, please go to the Winter Parking Regulations section at www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations. In case of a "Snow Emergency" prior to December 1 or after March 1, vehicles must be moved to a side street and must be legally parked in conformity with all other regulations on the proper side of the street.

EXCEPTION TO ALTERNATE SIDE NIGHT PARKING

Overnight parking is allowed on both sides of the street from March 1 to December 1. Alternate side night parking is allowed from December 1 to March 1. These streets are not posted. For a list of these streets, please go to the Winter Parking Regulations section at www.milwaukee.gov/parkingregulations.

4" RULE

Certain residential streets are posted "No Parking When Snow Falls 4 Inches or More." Parking is allowed on both sides of the street, except when snow has accumulated on the street surface to the depth of 4 inches or more. Then no parking is allowed on the side of the street where the sign is posted until the snow has been removed – day or night or at any time of the year. To determine whether this regulation applies to a specific street, go to Street Parking Regulations at www.milwaukee.gov/parkingbyaddress.



Big Things Ahead for Reed Street Yards, Water Council

The year ahead holds big things on the horizon for the Reed Street Yards in Walker's Point.

The City of Milwaukee anticipates investing between \$5 million and \$6 million in the vacant 17-acre parcel along S. 6th St., just south of the canal between the Harley Davidson Museum and the Iron Horse Hotel. Plans include upgrades to infrastructure, including streets, a RiverWalk and environmental remediation. The goal is to create an urban water research and technology park that attracts new jobs and investment.

Since the Reed Street Yards has never before been developed, city officials believe the addition of new infrastructure will allow developers to take it seriously as a potential business site. With the proximity to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District headquarters and the amenities in the area, they expect interest to be high.

Neighbors will have the opportunity to watch changes unfold right in front of their eyes:

- A business incubator known as the Water Technology Research and Business Accelerator Building is set to open early next summer in a former industrial building at

223 W. Pittsburgh Ave. The \$20 million project includes a research lab and offices for water technology startup businesses, and has already announced tenants including Badger Water Meter Inc., A.O. Smith Corp. and the UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences.

- Construction of a new road through the Reed Street Yards will begin in the spring and is expected to conclude by the end of the year. The project will essentially extend what is currently Pittsburgh Ave. from the intersection with S. 3rd St. to underneath the S. 6th St. viaduct, parallel to the Menomonee Canal. The new road and associated infrastructure should open up the Reed Street Yards as a viable development site for any number of projects.
- By the end of the year, crews are expected to complete work on a new segment of the RiverWalk and Hank Aaron State Trail that will connect S. 6th St. to W. Pittsburgh Ave. Cutting the trail through the Reed Street Yards along the canal will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to get from the Harley Davidson Museum to the Historic Third Ward without having to go as far south as W. Florida St. It will also draw attention and foot traffic to the new development that is expected there.

Residentes pueden llamar a la oficina para servicio en español y los boletines próximos incluirán más noticias en español.
Vaya a www.milwaukee.gov/district12 para noticias en español.

Please Attend My Listening Sessions

I will hold four listening sessions this year to meet residents and discuss important issues affecting 12th District neighborhoods and the city as a whole. The meetings will be held at the following times, dates and locations:

Monday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pulaski Pool, 2701 S. 16th St.

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bradley Tech High School, 700 S. 4th St.

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

La Causa, 1643 S. 2nd St.

Monday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mitchell Street Market Lofts, 1948 W. Mitchell St.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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One Call for City Info

286-CITY (286-2489). That one number can connect you with city departments, thousands of city employees and 100s of city services ranging from building permits to parking permission to library hours to garbage pickups.

The City of Milwaukee receives millions of calls annually for services and information, and finding the right number for city services can be difficult and sometimes overwhelming for residents. Alderman Pérez says the city continues to seek ways to improve communications with residents, and this one-stop number for city services makes it even easier to find the right department and person to handle your complaint or request.

Residents will still call 911 for emergencies but can use the new number for any other calls.

The system is in both English and Spanish.

Of course, you can always call Alderman Pérez's office at 286-3762.

